1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sub-Total			32.04	164.21	63.68	227.89
Total (In Rs. lakhs)			458.10	2491.05	5289.76	7780.81
	(In Rs. Crores)		4.58	24.91	52.90	77.81

Unjustified price increase of drugs and finished medicines

377. *SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:* Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that his ministry have given unjustified price increase during last four months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have decided a particular percentage of price increase on drugs and finished medicines;

(c) if so, what are the details of such decision;

(d) what are the names of medicines where price increase has been allowed more than such decision;

(e) whether it is a fact that prices of certain Anti-TB medicines have gone up very high; and

(f) if so, what were the prices during 1990, what are the present prices and what is the percentage of price increase in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The extent of price increase in formulations is calculated on the basis of a formula and norms as per DPCO, 1987. In order to keep prices of finished medicines i.e. formulations, in check, during the last four months price increases were restricted to 5 per cent annum, however, increase on account of material costs were permitted to full extent.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) The requisite details are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Bulk Drug	Price in 1990 (Rs.)	1991 (Rs.)	% increase
1	Ethambutol	752/Kg.	811/Kg.	7.85
2	Pyrazinamide	1222/Kg.	1222/Kg.	—
3	Rifampicin	3500/Kg.	3850/Kg.	10.00

Setting up Zirconium and Titanium Metal Complex in Tamil Nadu

378. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Atomic Energy is planning to set up a large Zirconium and Titanium metal complex at Palayakayal village in Tamil Nadu to utilise the zircon sand deposit in this area;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu is participating in this

project and if so, what are the details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA):

(a) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to set up plants for production of 300 Ton Per Annum of Zirconium Sponge and 1000 Ton Per Annum of Titanium Sponge at Palayakayal in Tamil Nadu.

(b) Project Reports for these plants have ben prepared and action is on hand for obtaining financial sanction.

(c) Government of Tamil Nadu is acquiring and making available the requisite area of land and also providing other infrastructural facilities such as water and power.

Setting up of enquiry into Pepsi Foods Private Limited

379. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up an enquiry into the performance of the Pepsi Foods Private Ltd. in their Food Processing project;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether that company has failed to fulfil their export obligation; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against this company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) In order to make an on the spot study of the Pepsi project as well as to seek some vital information, a team consisting of officers was deputed to various units under the project The team visited the units and has since submitted its report on the status of the project as on December, 1990 to the Government.

(b) to (d) The team has, inter-alia reported that:

(i) the Company has set up plants for potato/grain processing soft drinks concentrate and fruit and vegetable processing in Punjab.

(ii) the Company has also taken steps to encourage the farmers in developing nursery protected under polythene cover for growing tomato seedlings and to grow good quality high yeilding hybrid tomatoes by adopting deep chieseling techniques;

(iii) Equipment for the manufacture of apple juice concentrate and pear juice concentrate as well as concentration with energy saving diffusion process have not been imported/commissioned.

(iv) The sale turnover of soft drink concentrate has apparently been depressed.

(v) No exports of own manufactured products i.e. fruit and vegetable products, processed potato/grain products, and soft drink concentrate manufactured in the three units under the Pepsi Project for which LOI/FC approval was granted, have been made.

Action has already been initiated against the company wherever there is a prima-facie case for violation of the terms and conditions of Letter of Intent/Foreign Collaboration Approval.

Approval of T. V. Serial by Ignoring Seniority List

380. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: